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## PREAMBLE.

Whereas it was deemed expedient by us, Farmers and others of British Columbia, that a Society should be formed for friendly intercourse and mutual improvement in Agricultural Science and Art; and a meeting having been called of Farmers and others for this purpose, an Association was formed, when the following Constitution and By-Laws were adopted.

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## CONSTITUTION.

### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Society shall be known by the name of the "British Columbia Agricultural and Horticultural Society."

### ARTICLE II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this Society shall be to advance the general interests of Agriculture and Stock-raising in this Province, by holding meetings for discussion, by importing samples of Seeds and Agricultural Implements, by importing Live Stock for breeding purposes, and by holding Exhibitions, Plowing Matches, etc., and to disseminate infor-

mation among its members by corresponding with similar Societies both at home and abroad, and by providing a Reading-Room, Library and Museum for the use of the Society.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person can become a member of this Society by subscribing his name to the Constitution and By-Laws and paying the entrance fee of five dollars annually in advance. Any person can become a life-member by subscribing his name to the Constitution and By-Laws and paying into the treasury the sum of one hundred dollars. Honorary members can only become such by being elected by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting. Any person whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall thereby forfeit all right to membership.

### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and a Board of Directors, which shall consist of nine elected members, together with the President, Vice-Presidents and Treasurer, who shall be *ex officio* members of the Board.

### ARTICLE V.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary,

Treasurer, and Board of Directors shall be elected annually on the first Saturday in December, and shall take office on the first Saturday in January, and the vote of the members for the election of such Officers shall be taken by ballot.

### ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The regular meetings of this Society shall be held on the first Saturday of each month, and the annual meeting on the first Saturday in December of each year, at such time and place as may be designated.

### ARTICLE VII.—ALTERATION OF CONSTITUTION.

No alteration shall be made to the Constitution unless a notice of motion shall have been given to the Secretary in writing at least one month previous; and such motion shall be carried by a two-thirds m jori y of the members present.

## BY-LAWS.

1. *Officers*—It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, to preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors: to preserve order, give the casting vote, call special meetings of the Society and Board of Directors, and to attend generally to the interests of the Society.

2. *Treasurer.*—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies due or donated to the Society and deposit them in a Bank, to pay all orders drawn on himself by the Secretary and countersigned by the President. It shall also be his duty to keep a correct account of all the cash received and expended by him, and to present to the Society a monthly and annual report at the regular monthly and annual meetings.

3. *Secretary.*—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, to record the names and receive the entrance fees of all members and pay the same to the Treasurer; to correspond with other similar Societies, and keep copies of all correspondence; to keep a labor list; to furnish such information to the members of this Society as may be required; and to make a

report to the Society at the end of each year, which shall be read at the annual meeting.

4. *Board of Directors.*—Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and it shall be their duty to manage the general affairs of the Society and to prescribe such rules and regulations for holding exhibitions, plowing matches, etc., as they may deem necessary.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Seven members of this Society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. Reading minutes of previous meeting.

3. Reading correspondence.

4. New business. No new business can be brought before any meeting of this Society unless notice thereof has been sent to each member by circular, and a similar notice posted in the Secretary's room at least one month previous.

5. Lectures, essays, debate, and conversation.